

## CONVENTION 1982

**SPONSOR:** Friends of Old-time Radio. This is their 7th convention devoted to collectors of and performers in The Golden Age of Radio.

**PLACE:** Holiday Inn-North, Newark Int. Airport right off Exit 14 of N J Tpke.

**DATES:** Friday, Oct 22 and Saturday, Oct 23, 1982. Friday will start around 12.00 and will include coffee, a cocktail hour, buffet, video tapes, musical trivia and several workshops. Saturday will run from 9:00 a.m. to about 11:00 p.m. and will include a buffet dinner.

**COST:** Friday is \$15 which includes coffee and the buffet dinner...Saturday is \$24 for adults and \$22 for children under 16 and senior citizens. This includes all afternoon activities, morning coffee, hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour, buffet dinner and evening program. Dealer tables are \$5 each. Display tables are free.

**REGISTRATION:** Make all checks out to Jay Hickerson and mail them to Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477: Tel. # (203) 795-6261 (late mornings) or 248-2887 (evenings and weekends).

**GUESTS:** We hope many of the special guests who have come in the past will come to this one. We will be inviting many new people. Hugh Marlowe is tentatently coming and an EILERY QUEEN show is planned.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM:** Sat...video tapes, workshops and special events 9-5; dealers 9-3; cocktails 5:30-7; dinner and live radio show 7-11

**DEALERS:** There is a limit of 40 tables. Reserve them as soon as possible. You may set up on Friday.

**WORKSHOPS AND TALKS:** Tentative activities include: sound effects and acting workshop; radio trivia contest; 2 live radio shows; panel discussion by special guests; Jolson workshop; Tape deck mfrs. presentations; fan publications panel; radio shows that went to TV; collector swap time; OTR clubs; presentation of LUX & ESCAPE; OTR books; radio's flops; radio's bloopers; OTR experts.

**INFORMATION FOR OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS:** Rooms are being set aside for us Friday and Saturday nights. They will be \$45 a night single and \$50 double. If you want a room, let me know details when you send in your reservation and I will mail you a room reservation card.

**TRAVEL:** Van and bus service is available to the Newark airport from Kennedy and LaGuardia airports. The Hol. Inn has a shuttle bus to and from Newark Airport. Many airlines go directly to Newark Airport. Mass transit from NYC to Newark Airport is very convenient.

**PUBLICITY:** Please publicize this wherever you can. Start getting your reservations in. Let me know addresses of special guests who might like to attend.

**RIDES:** If anyone needs a ride or can provide one and arrange carpools, please note regional coordinators below.

**COMMITTEE: COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:** Jay Hickerson, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss.

Jay Hickerson: Registration, guests

Joe Webb: Events, publicity (914) 237-5332

Stu Weiss: Hotel, publicity, NYC-NJ ride coord. (212) 948-7872

Bob & Carol Witte, 111 Cross Hwy, Westport, Ct 06880; collector's interests coord., New England coord.

Ron Downey, Rt 3 Box 263H, Waynesville, NC 28786: written program, southern states coord.

Ken Piletic, 705 S Olendorf Rd, Streamwood, Ill 60103: video coord., midwest coord.

Ron Barnett, Box 9593, Alexandria, Va 22304: Middle-Atlantic states coord.

Gary Yoggy, 144 E 1st St, Corning, NY 14830: event coord., upstate NY coord.

Dave Siegel, Box 610, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520: guest coord.

Andy Blatt, 42 Bowling Green Pl, Staten Isl, NY 10314: recording, publicity

Charlie Stumpf, 722 N Laurel St, Hazleton, Pa 18201: registration



A PERSONAL NOTE: Because of lack of information coming in and expenses, I am putting HA out every other month if necessary. Feb. was the first issue of 1982 (no Jan)...John Dunning wrote that Bob Bailey (Johnny Dollar) is in a convalescent hospital with a stroke. His address is Robert Bailey, Antelope Valley Conv. Hospital, 44445 N 15th West #137, Lancaster, Cal 93535. His daughter, Roberta Goodwin, says he is alert and would like to hear from his fans...Because of a serious operation that my son, Jeff, may have I may have to go to Stanford Medical Center in the near future. Please excuse any interruption with HA and other correspondence.

MORE 1982 CONVENTION INFORMATION: The Newark HI was chosen even though we knew it would be a hardship for our friends in Conn, Mass, and places farther north. It is easier for those farther south. The Newark HI is about 1½ hours farther than the one in Bridgeport. We felt the convention would not continue to live up to our high standards of excellence in Bridgeport so we moved to Newark. Other than Bridgeport no other convenient place exists between Bpt. and New York (where most of our special guests live)...For those in Conn, Mass, and places farther north try to carpool. For several years our New York and New Jersey friends did this. Try not let a greater distance keep you away. Bob and Carol Witte will arrange rides and carpools for those in Western Conn. and the rest of New England. You can leave your car at their house (minutes from the Bpt. Hol. Inn) and carpool. Start contacting the Wittes after Sept. 1st...Forget to mention committee member Terry Salomonson: re:rding...A new dealer will be at CONV 82. He is Glenn Campbell (no relation) who runs Ex Calibre Comic Book Store in Chester, NJ...As mentioned before, Linda and Ron Downey (WORLD OF YESTERDAY) are coming...A representative from NPR may give a talk...Dick Osgood, 32575 Nottingham Knoll, Farmington Hills, Mich 48018 has tentatively agreed to come to our convention and lead a workshop on WXYZ. Dick, now 81, just wrote a book, WYXIE WONDERLAND, mentioned in Dec. HA. Hard cover is now \$19.95; softcover \$12.95. Order from Popular Press, Bowling Green State Univ., Bowling Green, OH 43403. Excellent 530-page book filled with info about WXYZ and radio in general.

CORRECTIONS: Arnold Moss, 301 E 66th St, NYC, NY 10021 is looking for copies of CAFE ISTANBUL not Cafe Metropole.

IN FOND MEMORY: Sue Carol Ladd, Feb 4, 74; film actress...Alan Jay Factor, Feb 4, 56; tv producer...Dolores Moran, Feb 5, 56; movie actress...Iris Korn, Jan 27, 60; stage, film, tv actress...Eleanor Powell, Feb 11, 69; Broadway and film actress and dancer...Victor Jory, Feb 12, 81; movie and tv actor (MANHUNT, NAKIA)...Lee Strasberg, Feb 16, 81; director, acting instructor...Dave Ballard, Feb 2, 62; broadcaster and singer, mainly in Cal. and Seattle area...Murray "The K" Kaufman, Feb 21, 60; New York disc jockey...Thelonius Monk, Mar 17, 64; jazz genius, pianist...Pat Henry, Feb 18, 58; comedian...Glenn Darwin, Jan 28, 69; baritone...Margaret Grahame, Jan 1, 70; film actress...Virginia Bruce, Feb 24, 72; film actress...Charlie Spivak, Mar 1, 75; big band trumpeter and band leader...Carlton Baum, Feb 22, 73; woodwind player...Jon Arthur Goerss, Feb 24, 64; western radio personality; creator-host of FURTHER ADV. OF BIG JON AND SPARKIE...John Belushi, Mar 5, 33; comedian...Eddie Phillips, Feb 28, 54; Broadway dancer and comedian...Tina Turner, Feb 18, 58; stage and screen actress...Edith Bell Hessel, Dec 16, 58; actress-singer and film producer...Joe Julian, radio, tv, legit actor; Mar 11, 71; Mr. Julian was honored at our 1980 convention but was unable to be present; author of THIS WAS RADIO...Wilbur "Al" Skinner, Mar 8, 75; composer and musician...Karl Suessdorf, Feb 25, 70; co poser (Moonlight in Vermont, Key Largo)...Gabor Szabo, Feb 26, 45; guitarist...Goodman Ace, Mar 24, 83; one of America's best known comedy writers and costar with his wife, Jane, on EASY ACES from 1931-1945...Harold "Hal" Terkel, Mar 26, 64; veteran broadcast journalist.



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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: RETURN WITH US NOW: Feb; article on LUI AND ABNER...ILLUSTRATED PRESS, Feb; many interesting articles...MILWAUKEE NEWSLETTER, Feb; article on Harry James...KASTIEUSICK BULLETIN, Feb; article on Dimitri Tiomkin plus many other features (recordings)...WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Feb; articles on Russ Morgan, Kathleen Burke, Jones Family movies...NRA NEWS, fall-winter; article on FBI and its radio shows.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS: Walt Hart, 9015 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020 again writes about the Arizona Radio Club. They have for trade long runs of SUSPENSE, ESCAPE, LUX, F MCCEE, GLIDERSLEAVE, and many juvenile serials. Living in Phoenix area are Bob Hawk, Wayne King, Buster Crabbe...Senior citizens at the Univ. of Ky Donovan Little Theater put on a monthly broadcast of OTR drama on WLAP-AM in Lexington...NRA is celebrating their 10th anniversary in 1983 with a big convention in Los Angeles. Tentative dates are Nov 4 and 5. Details as I get them.

MUSIC: Tommy Gramaglia (Hindsight label) in Massena, NY is issuing 15 albums of Band radio broadcasts including Sonny Burke-1951, Jimmy Dorsey-1949, King Sisters-1947, Artie Shaw-1930-5, Hal McIntyre, Skinny Ennis (1947-80, Freddy Martin (1944-6), Alvino Rey-1946, Billy Butterfield-1946 and others...Randy Newman up for 2 music oscar nominations (Ragtime) is following uncles Alfred and Lionel.

CATALOGUES AND NEW SHOWS: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201; 44th supplement; Highlights-NR's NIGHTFALL; MARIO LANZA 7/15/51.

THE TAPE DECK: Larry Rao tells us of Stereo Discounters, 6730 Santa Barbara Ct, Baltimore, MD 21227; 1-800-638 3920. Great buys in tape recorders, etc.

NEW ADDRESSES: Tom Irice, 331 Amherst Dr, Salinas, Cal 93901...Rev. Roger Moore, Box 149, Grand Bay, NB E6G 1W0.

HERE AND THERE-New Friends: Robert Simpson, 6971 Scott St, Hollywood, Fla 33024...Vince Rowe, 350 So. Fuller Ave, Los Ang, Cal 90036; very interested in remote dance band broadcasts...John DiPace, 79 Buena Vista Av, New Britain, Ct 06051; wants MY FAVORITE HUSBAND with L Ball on cassette...Paul Migliorelli, 986 Peace St, Belham, NY 10803...Barbara Watkins, Box 561, So Pasadena, Cal 91030...Jo Anne St. Onge, 135E Brittany Farms Rd, N Britain, Ct 06053.

OLD FRIENDS: Tom Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn Pl, Chestnut Hill, Ma 02167 wants Boswell Sisters radio shows from early/mid 1930's; also wants LISBON ANTIGUA by Nelson Riddle (record or tape) and Blue Barron Orch radio shows...Jack Schugg, Box 81, Jerome Station, NY 10468 has all existing copies of NIGHTWATCH for trade or sale-original CBS masters and video tape tv version...Walt Hart (above) wants address of Curley Bradley; wants Tom Mix shows; also wants name of supplier of good blank tape. How about a survey from those that use a lot of tape. Let me know brand and where you get it...Marty Lewin, 8836 N Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston, Ill 60203 wants copies of THE BIG SHOW...Mickey Smith, 1411 Lewson St, Oxford, Ms 38655 wants first GLIDERSLEAVE show with druggist, Peavey...Ira Braymer Jr, 3260 38th Av SW, Seattle, Wa 98126 wants copies of Viennese String Ensemble; originated in Chicago in the 30's and 40's...Ted Hake, Box 1444K, York, Pa 17405; 1-717-848 1333 has a mail bid collectibles auction catalog for \$2.00. It is issued quarterly and covers all kinds of collectibles including radio, early Disney, heroes, advertising, comics...Ien Iawson, 1206 Notre Dame Ct, Livermore, Cal 94550 wants material by or about Damon Runyon and P G Wodehouse; also CBS news during Aug 1941; also interview of Wodehouse by Eleanor Roosevelt...Andy Blatt, 42 Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314 has for trade; rebroadcast of 1975 Dec. John Lennon deejay program where he hosted own show (2 hrs); James Cagney memorial show (WCBS 11/14/81) 1 hr; stereo simulcast of HBO's tape of Simon & Garfunkel in Central Park (90 min)...WOR's 60th anniversary testimonial program from 2/28/82 (3 hrs)...Geoff Oates,

Box 3853 IPO, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Z3 wants info on ED & ZEB-when and where it was produced and the cast, etc...Roy Hooper, 3074 Molokai Pl, Costa Mesa, Cal 92626 wants to hear from a southern state collector (No Caroline??) who called Don Aston last October claiming to have 1959 GUNSHOCKS. Please contact Don (213) 673 4455 or Roy (714) 545 5978. Roy also has second half of THE SAINT 2/4/51, Needs first half...Marty Lewin (see pg 3)wants HAIL OF FANTASY "Beast with Red Eyes; also SILVER EAGLE and other material by Richard Thorne; just picked up reels of BEATLE BAND: JACK CARSON SNOW: HILLS OF IVY.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WXXI-FM (91.5) Rochester, NY is rebroadcasting with a new cast TRUE STORIES OF THE NY STATE POLICE a local show on WHAM from 1936-50. It is on Wed nights at 10:05 pm...WOR in NY celebrated its 60th year with special broadcasts the last week of February.

LATE NEWS: IFM: Harriet Stratemeyer Adams, Mar 27, 89; author of Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Bobbsey Twins...Edmund Rice, Mar 28, 72; a pioneering radio and tv writer, producer and commentator(Chase & Sanborn Hour; Kraft Television Theater) Haunani Kahalewai, 53; on HAWAII CALLS in 40's and 50's...Ed Fitzgerald, Mar 22, 89; radio broadcaster for 52 years with wife Pegeen. Heard over WOR since since early 40's. Originated husband-wife radio talk programs...Sonny Greer, Mar 23, 78; original drummer with Duke Ellington...Dave Siegel, Box 610, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 has several updates to his catalog. Dave has one of the biggest collections of radio shows.

Come to Convention '82

Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs

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